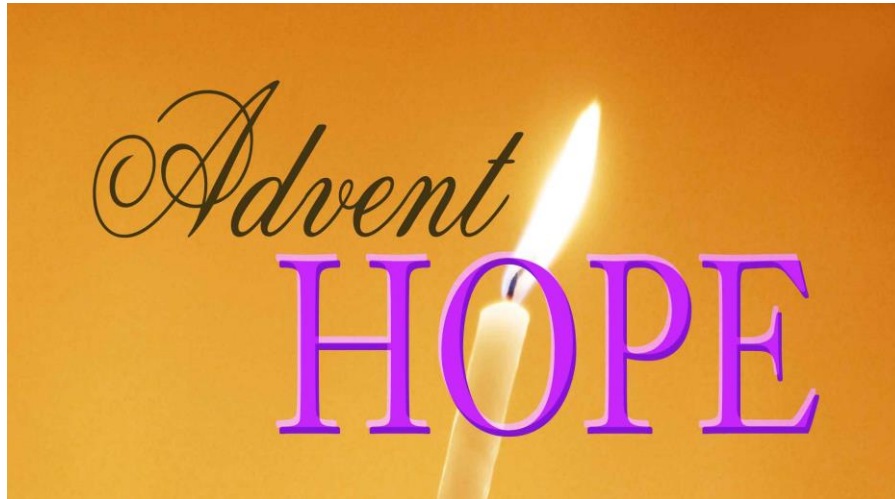


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Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on the Melody *Quem Pastores* - Healey Willan

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE

One: Here we are together, not alone. We join with the cloud of witnesses here, there, elsewhere, and everywhere. On this first Sunday in Advent, we will dream and imagine a different future, a rising-up and life-flourishing one. We are witnesses to hope.

(The first candle is lit.)

All: God-of-righteous-dreaming, lighten our hearts with an enlarged imagination to dream new possibilities: to imagine a world where transformation will happen, where creation is mended and restored, and where exiles and strangers will find a home. Become in our lives the way to what we need, to what we can become, and to what we can do. Amen.

INTROIT

HYMN VU 6 *A Candle is Burning*

V.1

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come as an Advent people; praise the God of promise.

We come with glad and thankful hearts.

Follow the holy way; make the path straight.

We will walk the road to Bethlehem.

CENTRING PRAYER

Holy One, give us the courage to be brave, as we prepare for Christ's arrival, so that:

**like the Angels, we can reach out to the "unreachable,"
like Elizabeth and Mary, we can receive unexpected
messengers; and like the shepherds make peace with the special
role we play in Christ's story.**

Help us to be brave, as we prepare. Amen.

HYMN VU 1 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

v. 1, 3, 5, 7

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

3 O come, O come, great God of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be for us the Prince of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, Sacred Mystery, greater than words can express;
whose love for us and all creation exceeds our capacity to imagine,
open our hearts and minds. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16

PSALM 25: 1-10 VU pg. 752 Refrain 2

Refrain:

To you, O God, I lift my soul, to you I lift my soul.

To you, O God, I lift my soul; my God, in you I trust.

Let me not be put to shame, nor let my foes gloat over me.

Let none who wait for you be shamed;

let them be shamed who wantonly break faith.

Show me your ways; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me;

for you are God my saviour.

For you I wait all the day long. R

Remember your mercy, O God, and your steadfast love,
for they are as old as time.

Do not remember the sins and offences of my youth.

According to your steadfast love remember me,

for your goodness' sake, O God! R

You are upright and good, O God,

therefore you show the path to those who go astray.

You guide the humble to do what is right,

and teach the lowly your way.

All your ways are loving and sure

for those who keep your covenant

and commandments. R

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Luke 21:25-36

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 18 *There's a Voice in the Wilderness*

v. 1-4

1 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where God, our God, may go!

2 O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish,
like grass our works decay;
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass, like a dream, away.

3 But the word of our God endureth,
whose arm is ever strong;
God stands in the midst of nations,
and soon will right the wrong.
God shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
the lambs so gently hold;
to pastures of peace will lead them,
and bring them safe to fold.

4 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where God, our God, may go! *

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SERMON

Advent Hope

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SPECIAL MUSIC

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Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY INTROIT VU 543 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* v. 1

We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

CAROL VU 36 *Angels from the Realms of Glory* v. 1-4

1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

**come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.**

2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light: **R**

3 Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: **R**

4 Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear: **R**

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COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

VU 19 *Kindle a Flame*

**Kindle a flame
to lighten the dark
and take all fear away.**

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POSTLUDE

Processional - C. David Cameron

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Guest Minister

The Rev. Dr. Paul Currie recalls preaching at Chalmers shortly after his ordination in 1977, to celebrate Chalmers' sponsorship of him as a Candidate for Ministry. While at Chalmers, Paul sang in the choir, and enjoyed the ministries of Stan Lucyk and Margaret Quigley. His father, the late Dr. Eoin Currie, and his Centenarian mother, Louise, were also active at Chalmers in those years. He graduated from Queens Theological College, and served a number of pastoral charges, including one in Manitoba and various places across Ontario, including Kingston's Edith Rankin Memorial. He retired to live in Bath in 2017. His ongoing education included a D. Min. from Detroit's Ecumenical Theological Seminary, and Mediation and Conflict Management certification from Conrad Grebel in Waterloo. He, and his wife Deborah, a KGH Nursing Alumna, still enjoy singing in their church choir.

Co-Liturgist

Linda Steinberg

Organist

Juliet Milsome

Hymn Singers

Barb Fletcher, Al Fletcher,
Mary Davis Little, Janice Moncrieff,
Anja Troje

Pre-Recording Singers

Rob Bruce, Margot Craft, Joan Egnatoff,
Bill Egnatoff, Barb Fletcher, Al Fletcher,
Juliet Milsome, Janice Moncrieff, Anja
Troje and

Tenor Soloist

Bill Egnatoff

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Nick Steinberg

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UPCOMING SERVICES

Dec. 5 - Dec. 24: Rev. Dr. Paul Currie
Christmas Eve at 7pm: Family-Friendly Service

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